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TOPIC Soviet Fuel Depot in Dresden-Alberthafen

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. On 28 March 1951, it was ascertained that the fuel depot in Dresden-Alberthafen (N 52/F 29) supplied only Soviet Air Force units. *

2. During the period from late March to 7 May 1951 an average of 4 to 7 railroad cars, each loaded with 10 tons of fuel, arrived at this depot, allegedly from Rumania. For some weeks, the bills of lading of these cars have been removed at the Dresden-Friedrichstadt freight station and the final destinations have been chalked on the cars. Individual railroad cars bound for airfields provided with spur tracks are, allegedly, detached from fuel trains at this freight station.

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3. Most of the fuel arriving at the Alberthafen fuel depot is stored in large containers, and the rest is transloaded into Derunapht tank trucks. The fuel is then trucked to the airfields. During the reported period most of the fuel was shipped to the Grossenhain airfield, and the remainder was trucked to Brandis.

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4. During the period from 28 March to 7 May 1951, the following numbers of railroad tank cars arrived at the Dresden-Alberthafen air force fuel depot from Rumania:

28 March	3	17 April	6
30 March	6	18 April	9
31 March	3	19 April	6
2 April	7	21 April	3
3 April	6	23 April	8
6 April	9	25 April	6
7 April	5	26 April	7
9 April	3	30 April	3
10 April	5	2 May	5
11 April	5	3 May	4
12 April	7	4 May	6
14 April	6	5 May	3
		7 May	5

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Shipments of fuel by water have not been observed. **

5. During the period from 28 March to 7 May 1951, trucks picked up fuel at the depot. The drivers of these trucks were civilians. ***

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6. Security measures at the depot are very strict. The guard detail is in the strength of about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered green and black-bordered blue epaulets. During the reported period 10 German workers were discharged, allegedly because of political unreliability. Two of them are said to have been arrested. When entering and leaving the installation the workers have to submit to body checks.

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██████████ Comment. It has previously been believed that this large fuel depot belonged to the First Gds Mecz Army or to the GOFG and that air force units were also supplied by the installation. See

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██████████ Comment. There is no information available which confirms these trains as actually coming from Rumania. However, it is possible that they arrived from there via Czechoslovakia and the Bad Schandau border-crossing point. The arrival at Alberthafen of fuel shipments from the Soviet fuel depots in Velten and Schleife have been the only fuel shipments reported to date. ██████████

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██████████ Comment. The motor vehicle numbering series mentioned are assigned to German-Soviet trade agencies.

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